

Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

200 CARLTON AVENUE • WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY 07882

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge them before my Father." —Matthew 10:32



Parish Office/Rectory ----- 908-689-0058

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Website----- stjosephwashingtonnj.org

Open Monday - Friday...

9:30 am - 12:00 noon & 1:00 - 4:30 pm

After 4:00 pm, by appointment only.

Parishioner on the Move
Please notify the Parish Office.

PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

Rev. James A. Kyrpczak-----*Pastor*
Paul Flor-----*Deacon*
Edmund M. Hartmann, Jr.-----*Deacon*
Laura A. Torres-----*Parish Secretary*
Mrs. Joyce Rock-----*Parish Catechetical Leader (PCL)*
Shirley A. Firling-----*Director of Sacred Music*
James Mc Aloon-----*Pastoral Council Chairperson*
James McAloon-----*Trustee*
John Rolak-----*Trustee*
Anthony Tomeski-----*Web Master*
Bob Opdyke-----*Finance Council Chairperson*
Sonia Amparo Arevalo---*Hispanic Committee Chairperson*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / 908-689-0093

Tuesday: 5:30 - 6:30 pm / **Grades:** 1, 2, 3, 4
7:00 - 8:00 pm / **Grades:** 5, 6, 7, 8

SAINT JOSEPH CEMETERY / 908-689-0058

12 Jackson Valley Road • Washington, New Jersey

SACRAMENTAL & PRAYER LIFE

Sacrament of Eucharist/Mass

Saturday Vigil-----5:00 pm

Sunday-----7:30 & 11:00 am

Spanish Mass-----9:00 am

Daily Mass-----9:00 am

Holy Days-----9:00 am & 7:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Expectant parents are requested to attend a Baptism Preparation Session prior to the birth of the child. Please pre-register with the parish office. The sessions are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room. Baptisms are held the 2nd Saturday of each month at 11:30 am at the church.

Sacrament of Penance

The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated on Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45 pm in the reconciliation chapel.

Sponsorship/Eligibility Forms

Only registered and practicing Catholics can receive a letter attesting to their sponsorship eligibility. One must request the form from the parish office prior to being a sponsor. The form will then be mailed or picked up at the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning marriage are requested to make an appointment with the Pastor. Arrangements should be made one year in advance.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parish family of Saint Joseph Church, are brothers and sisters in Christ. Under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit and through the nourishment of the sacraments, we are called to love and serve in His name. We will promote the Kingdom of

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24, 2023



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday **December 23**

5:00pm **+Thomas Bukow**
r/o **Tina Bukow**

Sunday **December 24**
 Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30am **+Christopher Lynch**
r/o **Jo-Anne Ward**

9:00am **People of the Parish**
(Spanish)

11:00am **Anthony Perricone**
r/o **Family**

Christmas Eve

4:00pm **Paul Paliscak, Jr.**
r/o **Family**

9:00pm **People of the Parish**
(Spanish)

MIDNIGHT **Benefactors of the Parish**

Monday **December 25**
 The Nativity of the Lord

9:30am **George W. Melious**
(English) r/o **Family**

11:00am **+Reverend Blaise R. Baran**
 The Torres Family

Tuesday **December 26**
 Saint Stephen

9:00am **+Valerie Bond**
r/o **Una Griffin**

Wednesday **December 27**
 Saint John

9:00am **+Martha Monsalve-Montoya**
r/o **Adelina Dela Cruz**

Thursday **December 28**
 The Holy Innocents

9:00am **+Martha Monsalve-Montoya**
r/o **Adelina Dela Cruz**

Friday **December 29**

9:00am **+Reverend Blaise R. Baran**
r/o **Family**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Debbie Antonillo, Greg Aurigemma, Willie Baker, Patricia Baroz, Adrianna Berrios, Tracy Berrios, Benjamin Bernstein, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Kathy Chiarulli, Nicholas Cottone, Kristine Rheh Cy, Arsenia Del Rosario, Jill Dubay, Gerry Farhan, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Peter Garon, Francine Gore, Kerry Groff, Tony Groff, Charles Hemsel, Carol Hutchins, Jane Jenkins, James Herring, Sharon Lawson, The Lewis Family, Nina Lopez, Christine Mathews, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Denise Melious, Maureen Milletich, Emma Parrales, Luigi Paterno, Vincent Pizzo, Rose Reddan, Charles Roseberry, Angelo Saccos, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, George Stine, Nicholas Torres, George Trimarci, Gina Trimarci, James Todd, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Joey Yangco, Emma

WEEKLY OFFERING

<u>WEEKLY COSTS:</u>	
Church Expenses:	\$6,464.00
<u>December 9 / 10</u>	\$5,368.00
Electronic Giving	1,417.00
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	1,212.00
Other Donations	<u>517.00</u>
	\$8,514.00
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$2,050.00
Diocesan Retirement Fund for Religious	\$1,148.00
<u>December 16 / 17</u>	<u>To Be Updated</u>

GIFT BEARERS AT MASS

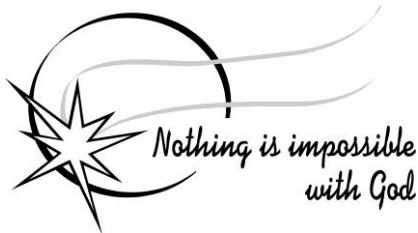
If the Mass intention is for your loved one, please see an Usher prior to Mass and let him / her know that you would like to bring up the gifts. If you choose not to do so, please let the Usher know that so other arrangements may be made. With that being said, we are in need of Gift Bearers.

OUTEACH MINISTRY

We would like to thank everyone who took a tag from the Giving Tree. Your generosity and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated to support those in need at this time of year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There **will not** be class on Tuesday, December 26 and classes will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.





Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

4:00pm
9:00pm ~ Spanish
Midnight

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day

9:30am
11:00am

Food Pantry Needs



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Beginning the first weekend in January 2024, we will once again start our monthly food pantry collection.

Suggested items that are needed:

Dinty Moore Beef Stew (15 oz. cans)
Grape Jelly (Squeeze bottles)
Salad Dressings (all kinds)
Mayonnaise (NOT the huge jars)
Ketchup
Soups of all kinds
Chef Boyardee Pastas
Canned Fruit
Spaghetti Sauce (Rinaldi makes sauce in plastic jars)

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

King David plans to build a temple to honor God. But God tells Nathan the Prophet that instead he will give David rest from his enemies, and ensure that both his house and community will be protected forever.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

In this letter of Paul to the Romans, he explains that the gospel reveals the mystery that had been hidden for many ages. Now it has been made known to all, so that they may believe, obey, and give glory through Jesus Christ forever.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

The Virgin Mary is approached by the angel Gabriel, who tells her that she has been chosen to bear the Son of God. Mary is first afraid, yet shows her unquestioning faith when she simply says, "Let it be done to me as you say."



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5170

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a blood drive in the Parish Center from 8:00am until 2:00pm on Sunday, January 14, 2024.

Appointments are required.

Sign-up at www.council5170.org

Thank you for giving the Gift of Life.

FLOCKNOTES

Our parish is now enrolled in Flocknotes. Stay in touch with Holiday Mass times, weather cancellations, ministry updates, and more delivered to your phone.

To sign-up, TEXT **JMJNOW** to **84576** or sign up online at

stjosephparish27.flocknote.com

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